WPMS No. 508 of 2001

Hon. P.C. Verma, J.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he has filed an appeal under Section 15(4) of the U.P. Sugar Cane (Regulation of Supply and Purchase) Act 1953 against the order of area reserved passed by the Additional Cane Commissioner which is pending on account of delay in disposal of the appeal by the State Govt. The crushing session is approaching towards end and if the appeal is not decided within two months before the crushing session, the sugar factories could be closed down for want of sugar cane and in the meantime the Additional Cane Commissioner permitted to joint purchase by the petitioner as well as for the respondent in the area reserved for the petitioner.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the State Govt. is directed to decide the appeal of the petitioner within 15 days from the date of production of a certified copy of this order and while disposing the appeal, the State Govt.; shall also consider the propriety of the order passed by the Additional Cane Commissioner permitting both parties for joint purchase in the reserved area.

With the aforesaid direction the writ petition is disposed of.

Dt. 21.03.2001 **(P.C. Verma, J.)**